

TO THE DORE AND BREDWARDINE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1940.

County Offices,  
Ross-on-Wye.

To the Chairman and Members of the Dore and Bredwardine Rural District  
Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Lucas-Scudamore and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on  
the Health Services of the District for the year 1940.

The Report appears much later than usual but the  
Council will appreciate that there are many additional demands on the  
Department nowadays. This Report is abbreviated and is to be regarded  
only as an interim report.

I have to acknowledge the support which the Council  
has always afforded me in the discharge of my duties at all times. In  
addition I have to thank Mr. F. Craze, Clerk to the Council, Miss Sayce,  
Chief Financial Officer and Mr. D. J. Francis, Sanitary Inspector for  
assistance in the preparation of this Report, and for much help given  
during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Lucas-Scudamore,  
and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*William Hogg*  
Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:

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SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86,043
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to rate books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,138
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£20,893.
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£91.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	20.8
Stillbirths Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births	...	...	22.7

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... .. 14.6 (crude)

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

			<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Births.</u>
Heading No.	29	... Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.	Nil.
"	30	... Other Puerperal Causes	1.	7.7

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age:

All infants per 1,000 live Births	...	...	...	...	...	30.8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live Births	...	...	...	...	...	32.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live Births	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:

Laboratory Facilities:-

The number of specimens examined by the County and City Public Health Laboratory during the year were as follows:-

Water:	Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	15
	Bacteriological	...	...	...	...	...	11

Inspections:-

Slaughterhouses and Shops	...	...	...	...	...	261
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	23
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	6
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	141
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	38
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fruit and Hop-picker's Accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	106
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	130
Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	370
Other Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	100
Cowsheds and Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	367
Petrol and Oil Stores	...	...	...	...	...	38
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	1,493
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	108
Total						3,014

Notices Issued:-

Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Statutory re Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	n. 1
Statutory under other Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	n. 1
Total								72

Defects Remedied:-

Drains relaid ... ..	20
Dwelling Houses cleansed ... ..	11
Drains cleaned, trapped or ventilated ... ..	11
Defective waste pipes rectified ... ..	32
Defective sinks and urinals rectified ... ..	2
New water closets provided ... ..	18
W.C.'s repaired, ventilated or provided with cisterns ... ..	3
Schools Disinfected ... ..	4
Privies converted to Pail closets ... ..	9
Privies converted to chemical closets ... ..	5
Privies converted to water closets ... ..	11
New pail closets provided ... ..	35
Pail closets repaired ... ..	21
Privies and ash pits cleansed ... ..	6
Offensive refuse accumulations removed ... ..	4
New wells sunk ... ..	5
Wells cleansed and repaired ... ..	3
Rooms disinfected re Infectious Disease ... ..	81
Total	<u>281</u>

# SECTION D. - HOUSING:-

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## 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	370
	(b)	Numbers of inspections made for the purpose	381

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices:

	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	29
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice	
(a)	By Owners ... ..	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil

# SECTION E. - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

## Milk Supply:-

There are 383 premises in the District registered with the Local Authority under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

## Food Inspected and Condemned:

Meat 4cwt. 1qr. 4lbs.  
Meat Roll 84lbs. ....  
Plums 1 case.

# SECTION F. - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

## Notifiable Disease during the Year 1940:-

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.
Pneumonia	10	1
Measles	11	-
Scarlet Fever	19	8
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1
Whooping Cough	34	-
Para Typhoid Fever	2	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	-
Erysipelas	2	-
Polioarthritis	2	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Diphtheria	5	5

## Analysis of Total Cases According to Age:-

Disease	Age Groups.											Total
	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	10+	15+	20+	35+	45+	65 and over
Pneumonia	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	1	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	-	2	6	2	-	3	2	2	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	6	3	3	2	3	14	3	-	-	-	-	-
Para Typhoid Fever	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Polioarthritis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-
Totals	9	4	6	2	6	30	8	2	10	6	4	1

TUBERCULOSIS:-

At the end of 1939 there were 20 cases of tuberculosis on the register, 10 pulmonary and 10 non-pulmonary. During the year 1940, 9 cases were added to the register, 6 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary. Five cases, all pulmonary, were removed from the register during the year, and on the 31st. December, 1940, 24 cases remained on the register, 11 pulmonary and 13 non-pulmonary.

New Cases and Mortality during Year 1940:-

Age Periods.	<u>NEW CASES.</u>		<u>DEATHS.</u>	
	Res- piratory.	Non-Res- piratory.	Res- piratory.	Non-Res- piratory.
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
0+	- -	- -	- -	- -
1+	- -	1 -	- -	- -
5+	- 1	- 1	- -	- -
15+	1 1	- -	- 1	- -
25+	- 1	1 -	1 -	- -
35+	- -	- -	- 1	- -
45+	- -	- -	- -	- -
55+	1 -	- -	2 -	- -
65 & Over.	- 1	- -	- -	- -

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